

of 1992. He was an indispensable resource to the constituents of the 10th Congressional District of Brooklyn, New York from 1993 to 2008, as Legislative Assistant and later as my Legislative Director. Nobody had more zeal for the job, and more loyalty to the office and the constituents of the District.

An example of his service to the people of Brooklyn was demonstrated in 1994 when we received a phone call into the District office, just before President Bill Clinton was forced to send American troops to Haiti. The matter concerned a 7 year old Haitian-American girl that was living with her grandmother in Port-au-Prince, and the last commercial Air France flight had departed Haiti a few days earlier. The mother, who lived in Brooklyn, was frightened and deeply concerned for her daughter's safety. Her child, it seemed, was stranded in what was soon to be a war zone with no way out.

Alex spoke with the mother of the child and told her to give him a few days and she will have her baby home safe with her in Brooklyn. On that Thursday, my Chief of Staff, Brenda Pillors, informed me that I would need to be at Kennedy International Airport the next day to meet the mother of a 7 year old Haitian girl, who lives here in Brooklyn and had not seen her daughter in over a year. She further informed me that Alex had arranged to fly the child out of Haiti earlier that day on Mission Flights out of Fort Lauderdale. I do not know, nor did I ask, how Alex was able to get this child out of Haiti just before the war started. But he did it. This is an example of why the staff always called Alex "Mr. Fix-it" and joked that no one could ever figure it out but he was able to get it done.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to say thank you to Alexander J. Beckles for all his many years of service on my Congressional staff, to this institution, and to the American people.

U.S. REP. MIKE PENCE FAREWELL
SPEECH

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 30, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to rise for what will be my last time speaking as a Member of the United States House of Representatives. The people of Indiana have given me a new assignment.

But I rise tonight to pay a debt of gratitude to all of those who gave me the privilege to serve in this place. As a boy, I dreamed of someday representing my hometown in our Nation's capital. Twelve years ago, the people of the Sixth Congressional District made that dream a reality. And so I begin tonight by simply saying 'thank you' to all of them for letting me live that dream in these past 12 years, to come to this place again and again, and to be some small part of the story of this institution and America's story.

My only ambition in Congress was to look out for my family and to keep my word to the people who sent me here. To let my 'yes' be 'yes' and my 'no' be 'no.' And it is my hope that as people view the totality of my record and my life, they'll see that we've done just that.

There are those to thank tonight that made that possible, and that's what brings me to this

task this evening. First, permit me to give thanks to God, whose grace and mercy has sustained us every day that we have served the people of Indiana in this place.

Next, and on this Earth most of all, I rise to honor and thank my beloved wife, Karen Pence, whose love, whose support, whose sacrifice, patience, and kindness, have made all that I have done in the service to the people of Indiana in this place, possible. Thanks for believing in me. I love you and I'll see you home. To our children: Michael, Charlotte, and Audrey. They were 6, 7, and 8 when I first arrived in this place and stood on this floor with my right hand raised, 12 years ago. They are now 18, 19, and 21. Thank you for your love. But thank you for the sacrifices that you have made so that we could live our dreams. Now go make your dreams come true. I know every one of you can.

To my colleagues with whom I've stood at this place, shoulder to shoulder, doing freedom's work, standing each and every day, cheerfully on behalf of the founding principles of this Nation: standing for a strong national defense; for limited government; for economic freedom; and for the moral foundations of this Nation. You know who you are. And we will take you from this place in our hearts always. You know there's a saying back home, when you see a turtle on a fence post, one thing you know for sure is that he didn't get there on his own.

So lastly what I want to do tonight, Mr. Speaker, is really to pay a debt of gratitude to the best congressional staff in American history. The men and women who have served our efforts in this city, and at home in Indiana for the past 12 years. I leave this body truly humbled when I look back at the caliber of the staff that we've been able to call to this mission, servant leaders all. They are men and women who approached each and every day with a servant leader's heart and made sacrifices over the years in order to serve the people of Indiana with integrity and energy. Names like Bill Smith and Lani Czarniecki; Jennifer Pavlik and Josh Pitcock; Matt Lloyd and Paul Teller; Marc Short and Sheila Cole, Russ Vought and Mary Vought; Ryan Fisher, LeAnne Holdman Gibbs and Chris Kiefer; Brian Neale and Ryan Jarmula, just to name a few. You know, I don't really have time tonight to name all of the men and women who served us in various capacities over these last 12 years. I submit each and every one of their names to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this night.

Some people look on in Washington, D.C., and they are rightly frustrated. Some people can come to this Nation's capital and lose their idealism. I'm not such a person. When I walk out of this Capitol for the last time, I will leave here with my idealism intact. I will continue to believe as our Founders did, that we are one nation under God, rich with a purpose yet to be fulfilled. That no matter how dark the day may seem that we can be confident when we stand for freedom and we do freedom's work, because freedom is not just our story, it's His story. And when we stand for freedom, however imperfectly, we make His work on this Earth our own.

In the words of the poet I depart this place saying,

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

I say to my colleagues and friends and neighbors in Indiana, my duties take me elsewhere, but wherever providence leads this Nation, let us ever remember that we have promises to keep for future generations of Americans in preserving, protecting, and defending the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity. And I know we'll keep that promise because we're Americans.

Thank you for the honor of addressing you tonight. And to the people of the Sixth Congressional District: know that I'll always be grateful for the privilege that you have given me to serve in this place. And I will always cherish my days in the People's House.

May God bless the United States House of Representatives, and all who serve her now, and ever on this floor. And may God bless the United States of America.

MIKE PENCE STAFF ROSTER: 2001-2012

Acornley, Mark—Part-Time Admin Assistant: October 6, 2011-2012

Adams, Susan—Staff Assistant: October 6, 2003-February 29, 2004

Ahearn, Mark—Legislative Director: January 22, 2002-April 2, 2003

Alexander, Jerry—Constituent Services Representative & Director of Community Outreach: July 9, 2001-May 15, 2007

Arnold, Ron—Director of Administration & Deputy Chief of Staff: January 3, 2001-October 31, 2009

Atterholt, Kathleen—Caseworker: January 3, 2001-January 2, 2010

Bauer, Zachary—Staff Assistant & Legislative Correspondent: January 4, 2010-2012

Bennett, Kim—Deputy District Director: January 3, 2001-2012

Berry, Debra—District Representative: August 6, 2001-2012

Breeding, Mary—Paid Intern & Staff Assistant: April 1, 2001-January 18, 2002

Brinkman, Muffet—Staff Assistant: January 8, 2001-March 31, 2001

Brown, Skip—Communications Assistant: January 2, 2004-November 16, 2005

Brown, Will—Staff Assistant & Legislative Correspondent: January 3, 2009-January 2, 2011

Castor, Amy—Staff Assistant: May 16, 2004-March 12, 2006

Collins, Larry Ken—Communications Director: January 3, 2001-March 31, 2001

Craig, Lindsey—Legislative Assistant: January 2, 2009-April 2012

Crouch, Daniel—Legislative Assistant & Senior Legislative Assistant: January 16, 2007-August 7, 2009

Czarniecki, Cary (Lani)—District Director: January 3, 2001-2012

Dilly, Jonathan—Paid Intern: May 21, 2001-August 8, 2001

Evans, Ben—Constituent Services Representative: January 4, 2010-2012

Fisher, Ryan—Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: January 3, 2001-January 2, 2007

Fortin, Kristin—Paid Intern: May 7, 2001-July 13, 2001

Gaskill, Kily Smith—Executive Assistant: January 13, 2009-2012

Gibbs, LeAnne Holdman—Staff Assistant, Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: February 24, 2004-October 21, 2008

Hawkins, Nicole—Community Development Assistant: January 23, 2006-April 6, 2007

Howe, Jeff—Field Representative: January 3, 2003-February 28, 2010

Hughes, Kaitlynn—Press Assistant, Press Secretary: January 2, 2011-2012

Jarmula, Ryan—Staff Assistant, Legislative Assistant and Senior Legislative Assistant: January 22, 2008-2012

Karchner, Derek—Staff Assistant & Press Assistant: January 22, 2002–March 6, 2003

Keller, Aaron—Paid Intern: June 12, 2001–July 31, 2001

Kennedy, Elizabeth—Staff Assistant: February 23, 2004–April 30, 2005

Kiefer, Chris—Legislative Assistant & Senior Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2001–April 30, 2005

Kincaid, Andrew—Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2001–December 31, 2001

Lahr, Matt—Press Assistant: February 1, 2006–January 2, 2007; Press Secretary: May 10, 2010–January 9, 2011

Lavoie, Matt—Staff Assistant: March 13, 2006–April 15, 2007

Likens, Darlene—Caseworker: January 3, 2001–May 31, 2002

Lloyd, Matthew—Communications Director: January 29, 2003–December 31, 2008; Communications Director for GOP Conference: January 1, 2009–December 31, 2010; Communications Director: January 1, 2011–2012

McCarthy, Greg—Staff Director of Foreign Affairs, Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee while Rep. Pence served as Ranking Member: January 1, 2007–January 2, 2009

Meeker, Autumn—Staff Assistant: June 1, 2010–2012

Milazzo, Nathaniel—Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: April 25, 2005–January 2, 2011

Miller, Craig—Legislative Assistant: January 3, 2004–June 4, 2005

Miller, Molly Jarmu—Communications Assistant & Legislative Assistant: January 1, 2002–July 28, 2003

Miner, Ryan—Paid Intern: June 1, 2007–July 11, 2007

Myers, Janille—Executive Assistant: January 12, 2009–2012

Neale, Brian—Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director: June 17, 2009–2012

Pardieck, Karrie—Casework Director: January 3, 2001–2012

Pavlik, Jennifer Marsh—Executive Assistant & Staff Director: January 6, 2001–2012

Perdew, Abby—Administrative Assistant & Administrative Director: January 27, 2009–October 31, 2011

Phipps, Andrew—Director of Community Relations: January 3, 2001–October 31, 2001

Pieppgrass, Stephen—Communications Director: April 23, 2001–August 15, 2002

Pitcock, Joshua—Legislative Assistant, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel: May 11, 2005–Dec. 31, 2008; Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel for GOP Conference: January 1, 2009–June 30, 2011; Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel: January 1, 2011–July 31, 2012; Chief of Staff—August 1, 2012–2012

Radtke, Schrade (Trip)—Legislative Director: March 22, 2003–December 30, 2003

Reger, Ryan—Field Representative: January 3, 2001–December 31, 2007

Shettle, John—Part-Time Caseworker: January 3, 2001–2012

Siktberg, Alan—Staff Assistant/Field Representative: February 1, 2005–February 14, 2008

Slatter, Ian—Legislative Assistant & Communications Director: January 1, 2002–January 31, 2003

Smith, William A.—Chief of Staff: January 3, 2001–July 31, 2012; Senior Advisor: August 1, 2012–2012

Son, Daniel—Communications Assistant & Press Secretary: January 26, 2008–May 31, 2010

Sulc, Kevin—Constituent Services Representative: July 9, 2001–2012

Tronovitch, Ryan—Staff Assistant: April 27, 2007–December 31, 2007

Wilson, Mikah—Constituent Services Representative/Caseworker/Administrator: January 3, 2003–October 31, 2009

Wilson, Duncan—February 23, 2005–February 28, 2005

Wilson, William Patrick—Legislative Director: January 2, 2001–December 31, 2001

CHAIRMAN MIKE PENCE, REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE STAFF ROSTER: 2005–2006

Executive Director—Sheila Cole

Deputy Director—Paul Teller

Policy Director—Russ Vought

Senior Policy Analyst—Derek Baker

Policy Analyst—Joelle Cannon

Research Assistant—Marcus Kelley

Communications Director—Matt Lloyd

CHAIRMAN MIKE PENCE, HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE STAFF ROSTER: 2009–2010

Name	Title	Tenure
Marc Short	Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Josh Pitcock	Deputy Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Feb. 2010
	Deputy Chief of Staff/General Counsel	Mar. 2010–Dec. 2010
Emily Seidel	Director of Operations/Assistant to the Chief of Staff	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Katie Strand	Director of Member Services and Events	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Melanie Looney	Coalitions Director/General Counsel	Jan. 2009–Feb. 2010
Russ Vought	Policy Director	Jan. 2009–Aug. 2010
Daris Meeks	Policy Advisor and Legislative Counsel	June 2009–Aug. 2010
Adam Hepburn	Policy Director	Aug. 2010–Dec. 2010
Chris Jacobs	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Andy Koenig	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Jan. 2010
Jonathan Hiller	Policy Advisor	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
John Gray	Policy Advisor	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Sarah Makin	Policy Advisor	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
	Policy Advisor/Coalitions Liaison	Mar. 2010–Dec. 2010
Brian McManus	Policy Advisor/Coalitions Liaison	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
Lisa Tanner	Policy Advisor	June 2009–Aug. 2009
Matt Lloyd	Communications Director	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Mary Vought	Press Secretary	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Andeliz Castillo	Deputy Press Secretary and Director of Specialty Media	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Courtney Kolb	Media Coordinator	Jan. 2009–July 2010
	Deputy Press Secretary	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Rachel Semmel	Press Assistant	Jan. 2009–July 2010
	Radio/TV Bookers	July 2010–Dec. 2010
Brian Newell	Deputy Press Secretary/Speechwriter	Jan. 2009–Mar. 2010
Doug Sachtleben	Deputy Press Secretary/Speechwriter	Apr. 2010–Dec. 2010
Katie Hughes	Press Assistant	June 2010–Dec. 2010
Emily Pickett	Press Assistant	June 2010–Dec. 2010
Ben Howard	Staff Assistant	Feb. 2009–Dec. 2010
Scott Neale	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2009–May 2010
Ja'Ron Smith	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Ryan Howell	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Bryant Avondoglio	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
David Holley	Visual Media	Jan. 2009–Dec. 2010
Rebecca Propp	Visual Media	June 2009–Dec. 2010
Ericka Anderson	Visual Media (blogger)	Mar. 2009–Dec. 2010

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRIBUTORS INC.

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 30, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Golden Eagle Distributors Inc., based in Tucson, Arizona, for its commitment to converting its delivery fleet from diesel to environmentally friendly compressed natural gas (CNG).

Golden Eagle recently was honored by Natural Gas Vehicles for America with its CNG Fleet & Station Program Award, presented at the Natural Gas Vehicle Conference and Summit in Schaumburg, Illinois.

All 27 of the heavy-duty trucks operated by Golden Eagle at its facilities in Tucson and Casa Grande, Arizona have been or soon will be converted to operate on compressed natural gas. The company also has a natural gas fueling station that is open to the public and is preparing to open a second public CNG fueling station. These efforts provide a strong incentive to members of the general public to operate a vehicle powered by compressed natural gas.

Natural gas vehicles are good for the American economy because they operate on a domestically produced fuel instead of relying on oil that frequently comes from overseas. The United States imports about half of the oil it uses, but 98 percent of the natural gas used in the United States is produced in North America.

In addition, exhaust emissions from natural gas powered vehicles are much lower than those from vehicles powered by gasoline or diesel. CNG vehicles produce 95 percent fewer particulates, 80 percent less nitrogen oxide and provide a reduction of 23 percent in greenhouse gas emissions compared with diesel engines.

Christopher Clements, CEO of Golden Eagle, made the commitment to switch from diesel to compressed natural gas to reduce the company's carbon footprint. The result is cleaner and healthier air in Southern Arizona.

Golden Eagle also was named Arizona's Greenest Workplace in 2010 by Mrs. Green's World, a website that promotes global sustainability. The company was recognized for its recycling and energy efficiency initiatives, employee carpooling and for its green transportation program.

I am proud to recognize Golden Eagle Distributors Inc. for its continued commitment to operating as a model of environmental stewardship.

IN HONOR OF MS. ALICE DAVIS

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 30, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Alice Davis of Albemarle, NC, and her service to our community.

Ms. Alice has been at the forefront of the effort to increase voter registration in our district, and has worked tirelessly to do so. In addition to this, she is very involved in the community with her work with our veterans and the disabled.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Ms. Alice, a great American, and resident of North Carolina, the state which I am proud to represent.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLEY HONEYCUTT

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 30, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past four years. As a Member of Congress, my greatest responsibility was to provide exceptional constituent services to our district, and my team did just that. I could not ask for a more talented and dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done on behalf of North Carolina's 8th District. Each District Staff member has shown